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AIR FREIGHT UP 7.4% IN FIRST QUARTER

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 29 — Air freight increased 7.4 percent in the first quarter of 1987, compared with the same period last year, and was up 12.5 percent in March for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in the first quarter rose 6.0 percent, while mail registered a 4.2 percent increase. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, increased 5.5 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in the first quarter was up 9.2 percent. Mail declined 4.4 percent, resulting in a gain of 7.5 percent for the U.S. carriers' international cargo as a whole.

Domestic air freight in March was up 9.8 percent. Mail increased 3.3 percent, and total cargo grew 8.2 percent.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight in March was up 15.6 percent. International mail traffic declined 5.5 percent. Total cargo rose 13.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH	1987	353,411	106,678	460,089	318,905	34,347	353,252	672,316	813,341
MARCH	1986	321,783	103,283	425,066	275,761	36,330	312,091	597,544	737,157
PERCENT CHANGE		9.8	3.3	8.2	15.6	(5.5)	13.2	12.5	10.3
3 MONTHS	1987	953,964	308,299	1,262,263	791,646	97,026	888,672	1,745,610	2,150,935
3 MONTHS	1986	900,031	295,950	1,195,981	724,919	101,459	826,378	1,624,950	2,022,359
PERCENT CHANGE		6.0	4.2	5.5	9.2	(4.4)	7.5	7.4	6.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.